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SUBJECT: SYG LONATI'S REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR FIRST

WTO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REF: MEXICO 10586; GENEVA 0331

1. IN REFTEL (A) WE REPORTED APPROACH TO AMB. BY AMB. CASTRO Y CASTRO CONCERNING MEXICO'S STRONG DESIRE TO HOST FIRST WTO ASSEMBLY. SUBSEQUENT TELEGRAMS FROM DEPT., GENEVA, AND ELSEWHERE HAVE BEEN OF ASSISTANCE TO US IN KEEPING ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS. IT SEEMS THAT SITUATION CONCERNING CHOICE OF SITES HAS RADICALLY CHANGED (REFTEL (B)), MAKING IT LIKELY THAT THE USG WILL HAVE TO INDICATE ITS PREFERENCE FOR MADRID OR MEXICO CITY.

2. WE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH INTENSITY WITH WHICH GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN MAY BE SEEKING TO HOST WTO FIRST ASSEMBLY BUT WOULD LIKE AGAIN TO CALL TO ATTENTION OF DEPT. GOM'S KEEN INTEREST IN DOING SO. PALACIOS TREVINO (IN PLACE OF CASTRO Y CASTRO WHO IS SICK) HAS ALREADY ASKED EMBASSY FOR
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USG SUPPORT.

3. WITH OUR DIVERGENCES OVER CERDS, TRA AND OTHER MATTERS,
IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO BE ABLE TO OFFER SOMETHING
POSITIVE FOR A CHANGE.
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